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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF 298)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

REQUIREMENT FOR UNITY OF INVENTION

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in response to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

I. Claims 1-15 (in part), 16, 18-36 (in part), drawn to a method of treating heart failure in a patient, comprising delivering to said patient CGRP in an amount effective to provide symptomatic relief, wherein said CGPR is delivered to said patient as a controlled release composition.

II. Claims 1-15 (in part), 17, 18-36 (in part), drawn to a method of treating renal failure in a patient, comprising delivering to said patient CGRP in an amount effective to provide symptomatic relief, wherein said CGPR is delivered to said patient as a controlled release composition.

III. Claims 37-42, drawn to a method of preventing or reducing the risk of occurrence of myocardial infarction, comprising delivering to a human at risk of having a myocardial infarction a controlled release formulation of CGRP comprising an amount of CGRP effective to prevent or reduce the risk or occurrence of myocardial infarction.

IV. Claims 43-46, drawn to a kit comprising a first container comprising a controlled release formulation of CGRP.

V. Claim 47, drawn to a method of counteracting ischemia due to myocardial infarction in a patient, comprising delivering to said patient an amount of CGRP effective to provide cardioprotection, wherein said CGRP is delivered to said patient as a controlled release composition.

2. The groups of inventions listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

Invention Groups I-V lack unity of invention because even though the inventions of these groups require the technical feature of a controlled release formulation of CGRP and using the formulation for treating heart failure or renal failure. This technical feature is not a special technical feature as it does not make a contribution over the prior art in view of EP 0845269 A2 (March 6, 1998). EP 0845269 A2 teaches a pharmaceutical composition comprising hCGRP and liposomes that can be administrated by intravenous infusion, oral, nasal mucosal spray in an amount of 0.1-10 pg hCGRP per kg body weight to treat hypertension and congestive heart failure of a human (see, e.g., Abstract). Therefore, the shared technical feature does not make a contribution over the prior art

Accordingly, Groups I-V are not so linked by the same or a corresponding special technical feature as to form a single general inventive concept. Thus, unity of invention is lacking and restriction is appropriate.

Species Election

3. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species of controlled release composition (five) are as listed in claims 2, 20, 24, 27, and 28; claims 32-36; and 38-42.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. Currently, the following claim(s) are generic: 1, 31, and 36.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the species listed above are not regarded as being of similar nature because each controlled release composition possess distinct physical-chemical features.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48 (b) if

one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48 (b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17 (I).

Advisory Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ruixiang Li whose telephone number is (571) 272-0875. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Nickol, can be reached on (571) 272-0835. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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